

delivering said slurry from said distributor to a headbox through a plurality of delivery lines, said delivery lines being coupled to said headbox at a plurality of locations spaced across said headbox in a crossmachine direction;

providing a plurality of dilution water lines, each dilution water line being coupled to said distributor and in fluid communication with an associated delivery line;

selectively introducing a property altering agent in at least one of said dilution water lines to alter the properties of the slurry in at least two of said delivery lines; and

depositing said slurry received by said headbox on a papermaking wire to form paper having the property altering agent concentrated in various regions to produce paper having a variable characteristic in the crossmachine direction.

Remarks

Claims 24-26 and 36-59 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,270,625. Accordingly, a Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this Amendment, and it is submitted that the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Claims 24, 58 and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as allegedly being indefinite. Claims 24, 58 and 59 have been amended to address this rejection.

The Office action indicates that claim 29 is "incomplete," but claim 29 was canceled in a Preliminary Amendment and is no longer pending.

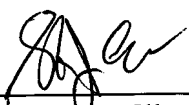
Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in a condition for allowance, and formal notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

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24. (Amended) A method for manufacturing paper having a variable characteristic in a crossmachine direction comprising the steps of:

- feeding a slurry to a distributor;
- delivering said slurry from said distributor to a headbox through a plurality of delivery lines, said delivery lines being coupled to said headbox at a plurality of locations spaced across said headbox in a crossmachine direction;
- selectively introducing a property altering agent in at least two of said delivery lines at said distributor to selectively alter the properties of the slurry passing through said at least two delivery lines; and
- depositing said slurry received by said headbox on a papermaking wire to form paper having the property altering agent concentrated in various regions to produce paper having a variable characteristic in a crossmachine direction.

58. (Amended) A method for manufacturing paper having a variable characteristic in a crossmachine direction comprising the steps of:

- feeding a slurry to a distributor;
- delivering said slurry from said distributor to a headbox through a plurality of delivery lines, said delivery lines being coupled to said headbox at a plurality of locations spaced across said headbox in a crossmachine direction;
- selectively introducing a first property altering agent in said distributor and into a first of said delivery lines to selectively alter the properties of the slurry passing through said first delivery line;
- selectively introducing a second property altering agent in said distributor and into a second of said delivery lines to selectively alter the properties of the slurry passing through said second delivery line; and
- depositing said slurry received by said headbox on a papermaking wire to form paper having the first and second property altering agents concentrated in various regions to produce paper having a variable characteristic in a crossmachine direction.

59. (Amended) A method for manufacturing paper having a variable characteristic in a crossmachine direction comprising the steps of:

feeding a slurry to a distributor;

delivering said slurry from said distributor to a headbox through a plurality of delivery lines, said delivery lines being coupled to said headbox at a plurality of locations spaced across said headbox in a crossmachine direction;

providing a plurality of dilution water lines, each dilution water line being coupled to said distributor and in fluid communication with an associated delivery line;

selectively introducing a property altering agent in at least one of said dilution water lines to alter the properties of the slurry in at least two of said delivery lines; and

depositing said slurry received by said headbox on a papermaking wire to form paper having the property altering agent concentrated in various regions to produce paper having a variable characteristic in the crossmachine direction.